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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Anthony D Stashick. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) David Chen (Reg. # 44,613). (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 11 June 2002.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Crowley '688, Schabsky '811, Johnsen '829, Turner '836, Avilles Palazzo '450.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

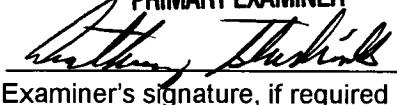
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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ANTHONY D. STASHICK  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

  
Examiner's signature, if required

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Chen discussed concerns with the combinations of the references applied and the placement of the instep protectoe between the vamp and lining as well as the protector having hollow chambers. Anthony stated that the tongue of Schabsky was considered a liner but that Johnsen and turner each teach the placement of an instep protector between a liner and a vamp. Anthony also pointed out that Avilles Palazzo teaches the use of hollow chamber to protect the instep from impact and the obviousness of using the hollow chambers in one of the other protectors located between the lining and the vamp .